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SUBJ: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS: THE EC PREPARES FOR COPENHAGEN

A. THE UK WALKS A THIN LINE BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE US

AT THE JUST CONCLUDED EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING,
THE UK SUBMITTED A DRAFT JOINT DECLARATION "DESIGNED
TO BRING THE FRENCH ALONG". EMBASSY LONDON REPORTS
THE UK IS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE DRAFT'S ACCEPTANCE,
BUT SOME GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES TOLD EMBASSY BONN
THAT THE UK "BENT SO FAR BACKWARD TOWARD THE FRENCH AS
TO END UP ON ITS REAR". THE UK DRAFT IS VERY GENERAL
AND AFFIRMATORY IN CHARACTER AND IS RESTRICTED TO THE
US-EC RELATIONSHIP. EMBASSY BONN CONCLUDES THAT FRANCE
"IS CALLING THE TUNE IN THE EUROPEAN PREPARATIONS FOR
THE DIALOGUE WITH THE US". (SECRET) BONN 12720, 9/5
LONDON 10150, 9/5 EXDIS.

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B. GERMANY CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO ALLIES

GERMAN STATE SECRETARY FRANK MET WITH FRENCH FOREIGN
MINISTER JOBERT ON AUGUST 29TH TO DISCUSS THE US-

EUROPEAN DIALOGUE. ACCORDING TO FRANK, THE FRENCH ARE PARTICIPATING IN WORKING OUT A DECLARATION BASED ON A BRITISH DRAFT. "IF SOMETHING THAT THIN WOULD SATISFY THE AMERICANS", JOBERT WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT IT. FRANCE OPPOSES ANY MENTION OF BURDEN SHARING AND THE CONTINUATION OF AN ORGANIZED US-EUROPEAN DIALOGUE. DURING THE MEETING FRANCO-GERMAN DIFFERENCES VIS-A-VIS THE US WERE CLEARLY DELINEATED, LEADING FRANK TO VIEW THE COPENHAGEN EC MEETING WITH SOME PESSIMISM AND DISCLAIM ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN UNSATISFACTORY OUTCOME. (SECRET) BONN 1272), 9/5.

2. OIL AS A POLITICAL WEAPON

A. FAISAL KEEPS HIS OPTIONS OPEN

EMBASSY JIDDA SEES KING FAISAL'S RECENT SPATE OF PRESS AND TELEVISION INTERVIEWS AS WELL-PLANNED PLOYS TO ATTAIN SAUDI ARABIA'S FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE KING HAS AVOIDED SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS TO ACTION WHILE BRINGING PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE ON THE US TO CHANGE ITS POLICIES. BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FACTORS WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING SAUDI DELIBERATIONS ON OIL PRODUCTION POLICY, WITH THE SAUDIS RETAINING THE RIGHT TO PROTECT ECONOMIC INTERESTS WHETHER OR NOT POLITICAL CONDITIONS ARE MET. (SECRET) JIDDA 3834, 9/5.

B. GERMANY OPPOSES EMBARGO ON LIBYAN OIL

A HIGH-LEVEL GERMAN ECONOMICS MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS TOLD US REPRESENTATIVES THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ORGANIZE A MAJOR CONSUMER EMBARGO ON LIBYAN OIL, NOR WOULD GERMANY PARTICIPATE IN AN EMBARGO. IN DOMESTIC TERMS, IT IS NOT "TENABLE" TO ASK GERMAN CONSUMERS TO SUFFER A SHORTAGE FOR THE SUPPORT OF FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES IN LIBYA. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 12715, 9/5.

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3. LABOR UNIONS THREATEN SUDANESE STABILITY

REPRESENTATIVES OF SIXTEEN UNIONS HAVE PRESENTED SUDANESE VICE PRESIDENT BAGHIR WITH DEMANDS FOR INTERNAL REFORM, THREATENING A GENERAL STRIKE IF THE DEMANDS ARE NOT MET. BAGHIR, IN THE ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT NIMAIRI, RESPONDED WITH A DECLARATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY. EMBASSY KHARTOUM COMMENTS THAT A GENERAL STRIKE, A TACTIC WHICH TOPPLED THE ABOUD REGIME IN 1964, WOULD QUICKLY CREATE SEVERE FOOD AND FUEL SHORTAGES IN THE CAPITAL. IF THE PETITIONERS IN FACT REPRESENT RANK-AND-FILE OPINION, SUDAN COULD BE IN FOR A REAL CRISIS. (CONFIDENTIAL) KHARTOUM 1978, 9/5.

4. FURTHER STRAINS IN JAPANESE-KOREAN RELATIONS

THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO KOREA HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR HABIB IN SEOUL THAT THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN RESOLVING DIFFERENCES OVER THE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE IS RESULTING IN DETERIORATING JAPANESE-KOREAN RELATIONS. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED THAT AN AGENCY OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT CONDUCTED THE KIDNAPPING. THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THE THREAT TO THE "EXISTENCE OF THE TANAKA GOVERNMENT" AND SAID IT WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO THINK THE MATTER WOULD FADE AWAY WITHOUT RESOLUTION. (CONFIDENTIAL) SEOUL 5940, 9/5. (EXDIS).

5. OIL AT SIX DOLLARS A BARREL?

EMBASSY TRIPOLI REPORTS THAT PRESS ACCOUNTS STATING LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER JALLUD SAID HE WANTED SIX DOLLARS A BARREL FOR LIBYA'S OIL ARE NOT TRUE. THE OFFICIAL LIBYAN NEWS SERVICE WAS CONFUSED BY JALLUD'S DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS PRICES, DID SOME ARITHMETIC AND INCORRECTLY REPORTED THAT JALLUD WAS DEMANDING SIX DOLLARS PER BARREL NOW FOR NATIONALIZED OIL. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) TRIPOLI 1144, 9/5. RUSH

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